

COURSE SCHEDULE

This course is scheduled for 8-11 December 2014. The closing date for applications is 5 November 2014. Places are limited, so please apply early.

TRAINING METHODOLOGIES

Lectures, case studies, interactive discussions, small group exercises, guided computer exploration and field excursion.

COURSE COSTS

The course fee is USD 550 and covers

- all tuition
- one e-copy of *When Culture Impacts Health: Global Lessons for Effective Health Research* (Springer, 2013)
- lunch and refreshments on each day of the course.

For Malaysian nationals the course fee is MYR 660.

FACILITATORS

This 4-day course will examine how culture is contributory, causal and protective of health. It will be led by Associate Professors Cathy Banwell and Jane Dixon from Australian National University and Professor Stanley Ulijaszek from University of Oxford, who are the co-editors of the textbook *When Culture Impacts Health* (Springer, 2013).

VENUE

The course will take place at the UNU-IIGH building on the UKM Medical Centre campus in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur.

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- Planetary Change and Health
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APPLICATION

Applications shall use the form available here <https://www.dropbox.com/s/mjsexv9qdgsegle/Registration%20Form%20CRPPH.pdf> Once completed and signed; return to iigh-info@unu.edu Please state the title of the course and your name in the email subject. Once your application is accepted, we will contact you for payment instructions and recommended accommodation arrangements.

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Short course on

Cultural Research Practices for Population Health

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ABOUT THE COURSE

This 4-day course will examine the impacts of cultural transitions and shared beliefs and values on human health with consideration for intervention strategies.

Are you interested in

- How culture 'gets under the skin' to influence health behaviours and outcomes?
- How shifts in cultural trends challenge human health?
- Whether there are cultural and related strategies that will reduce health risks and bring benefits to health?

The course will provide insights into key health issues that are related to cultural change and 'traditional' habits and values. By the end of this course, participants will have a deeper appreciation of how future health will be impacted by cultural change as well as the potential benefits of health-related activities that are responsive to change.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, participants should have skills in:

- Understanding interdisciplinary approaches to the interplay between culture and health

- Critical analysis of cultural epidemiology texts
- Determining culturally informed strategies for reducing health risks.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The course is designed for post-graduate students and people working in population health, anthropology, community development and social research. It is suitable for people who may have an understanding of, but not necessarily any formal training in, anthropology or public health. The following groups will find the course useful:

- Public health practitioners, including clinicians and other health workers
- Researchers
- Professionals, policy makers and community leaders with an interest in the cultural underpinnings to health and disease.

Throughout the course, the emphasis will be on understanding, interpreting and applying scientific evidence. There will also be ample structured opportunity to engage in exercises designed to illustrate the broad principles of conducting cultural health studies.

To derive maximum benefit, candidates should have a good working knowledge of English, basic computer literacy and some practical experience of working on culture, health and wellbeing.

KEY TOPICS

Topics will include:

- Primary concepts and approaches for understanding the links between health and cultural factors at the sub-population and societal levels
- Theoretical exploration of pathways between cultural systems and health outcomes
- Ethnographic approaches for application in clinical, sub-population, organizational and community settings
- Mixed methods approaches to better understand cultural transition effects
- Research design experience
- How and when cultural research is most usefully employed

